



## SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE TANZANIA (SAT)

### INVITATION TO STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE 12TH WORKSHOP ON PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH DESIGN (WPRD) ON 13th December 2025

#### INTRODUCTION

Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT) is pleased to invite students from SUA to participate in the upcoming Workshop on Participatory Research Design (WPRD). This workshop is part of our Farmer-Centered Agroecology Research (FCAR) model, which ensures that research ideas originate from real farmer challenges and that solutions are designed collaboratively.

#### WHY THIS WORKSHOP?

Farmers partnering with SAT have identified priority challenges affecting their crop production, post-harvest management, and livelihoods. This workshop will allow students to:

- Engage directly with farmers to understand the real agricultural and social challenges they face.
- Develop skills in participatory research, agroecology, and community engagement.
- Contribute to innovation that strengthens sustainable agriculture in Tanzania.

#### KEY FARMER-IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES FOR RESEARCH

Students will collaborate with farmers to design research on the following problems:

##### Crop Production & Post-Harvest Issues

- Wilting of cocoa plants – identifying possible causes and agroecological management.
- Rotting of cocoa beans – improving drying, storage, or handling practices.
- Suitable packaging materials for storing dried neem for more than one month – assessing quality preservation options.

##### Social Science Themes

- How farmer learning styles affect adoption of new agroecological (AE) technologies.
- Youth motivations and barriers to engaging in agroecology as a business.

##### Additional Farmer Presentations

Farmers will also present other emerging crop and livestock challenges, providing a wider range of research opportunities for students in agriculture, animal science, rural development, sociology, environment, agribusiness, and related disciplines.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

The workshop will include:

- Introduction to SAT's FCAR approach
- Farmer presentations on field challenges
- Group work to co-develop researchable titles

#### RESEARCH FUNDS

The maximum research funds supported to undergraduate is TZS 1,100,000 and TZS 3,300,000 to post graduate students. The only way to get these funds is to participate the workshop and later participate in the concept note challenge. Concept with the focus of innovating farming equipment to simplify AE practices are highly encouraged

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The workshop is open to:

- Undergraduate (only year 3 students and year 5 students for BVM students) and postgraduate students
- Students from Agriculture, Livestock, Environmental Science, Social Sciences, Rural Development, Agribusiness, and related fields



- Students passionate about agroecology, innovation, and working directly with communities

#### DATE, TIME & VENUE

- Date: 13th December 2025
- Time: 08:00 AM – 04:00 PM
- Venue: MLT 9 SUA

#### PARTICIPATION

To participate to this workshop please send your expression of interest (EI) to us through our communication email [wprd@kilimo.org](mailto:wprd@kilimo.org) not later than 8th December 2025. The EI should not exceed 300 characters. Those who will write good EI will be invited to attend the workshop.

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#### JOIN US IN CO-CREATING SOLUTIONS WITH FARMERS

Be part of a unique platform where students, farmers, and researchers come together to generate practical innovations for sustainable agriculture. Your participation will contribute to real change in farming communities across Tanzania.